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E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJ: NEXT STEPS ON ANGOLA ACTION MEMORANDUM

REF: STATE 295724 (TOSC 259), TOSEC 260,
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1. I HAVE READ YOUR CABLES ON THE PROPOSED NEXT STEPS IN THE ANGLOA SITUATION. I AM DISTURBED BY THE APPARENT TINGES OF PANIC EVIDENT IN THE TONE OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS. I EXPECT THE DEPARTMENT TO BEHAVE IN A DIGNIFIED AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN THIS AS IN ALL SITUATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT WE DID THE RIGHT THING IN ANGOLA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS IN BUSINESS TO CONDUCT THE NATIONAL INTEREST IN A CALM AND SOBER FASHION. I AM RELYING ON BOTH OF YOU TO KEEP EVERYONE QUIET AND CALM AS THE SITUATION THERE UNFOLDS.
2. IF A WHITE PAPER AS SUGGESTED BY MCCLOSKEY CAN BE PREPARED ON A VERY RPT VERY CLOSE HOLD BASIS BY ONLY ONE OR TWO PEOPLE, I AM PREPARED TO LOOK AT SUCH A PAPER AFTER MY RETURN. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE A CRASH PROJECT. IT SHOULD BE DONE IN A CALM AND RATIONAL ATMOSPHERE BY THE FEWEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

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3. I INTEND TO DISUCSS THE ANGOLA SITUATION WITH THE

PRESIDENT THURSDAY. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PREPARE
FOR ME A MEMO TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THAT MEETING. IT
SHOULD BE A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT OUTLINING THE CURRENT
SITUATION AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF IT AND EVALUATING
ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO US. I WANT
NO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE MATTER
UNTIL AFTER I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE
PRESIDENT AND I WANT NO ACTIONS TAKEN SUCH AS THE
ONES PROPOSED IN YOUR CABLES UNTIL I HAVE HAD A CHANCE

TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AFTER MY RETURN.

4. PLEASE CABLE THE MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
TO ME BEFORE WE LEAVE PARIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
KISSINGER

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